

Regional Symposium on Implementing Transit

AT&T Tennessee HQ @ 333 Commerce Street in Nashville, TN 37201

DAY 1: October 25, 2012

8:30-9:00 Reception & Continental Breakfast

Breakfast sponsored by the [Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee](#)

9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks

The Honorable Ken Moore, Middle Tennessee Mayors Caucus

9:15-10:00 National & State Transportation Initiatives

Commissioner John Schroer, Tennessee Department of Transportation

Beth Osborne, United States Department of Transportation

10:00-11:45 National Partner's Perspectives on Transportation Policy

Transportation policies and programs define more than just our highway system; they help shape community and economic development, create opportunities for personal prosperity, and affect public health outcomes. This session brings together national policy experts to discuss these important relationships, and to define transit's role in making communities more livable.

Moderator: Geoff Anderson, Smart Growth America

Arthur Guzzetti, American Public Transportation Association

Mitchell Silver, American Planning Association

Ken Rose, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

11:45-1:00 Keynote Luncheon: Transit as a Driver for Livable Communities, Bill Purcell

Mayor Purcell served as the 5th Mayor of Nashville from 1999-2007. In 2008, he was named Director of Harvard University's Institute of Politics (IOP) at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He recently served as Co-Chair for the Institute of Medicine Committee on Accelerating Progress in Obesity Prevention and has returned to his former law practice at Jones, Hawkins and Farmer, PLC in Nashville.

Introduction by Ralph Schulz, President & CEO, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce

1:00-1:55 Advancing Regional Transit Initiatives, Advice from an Experienced Peer

The Salt Lake City region boasts an impressive mass transit program that includes light rail, bus rapid transit, and commuter rail as part of a comprehensive strategy that emphasizes complete streets designed to support community values. This session will feature an update on Middle Tennessee efforts, and advice from the Wasatch Front on implementing regional transit plans.

The Honorable Karl Dean, Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County

Matt Sibul, Utah Transit Authority

1:55-3:25 Overcoming Funding Challenges in a Fiscally-Constrained Environment

While public demand for transit surges, government funding for transit projects seems to be moving in the opposite direction. This session will provide an overview of available grant programs and financing strategies, and offer insight into metropolitan area ballot initiatives aimed at raising non-federal funds for major transit expansion projects.

Moderator: Ed Cole, Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee
Nick Donohue, Transportation for America
Allison Leach, Center for Transportation Excellence
Dave Williams, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
Thomas Shrout, Jr., Greater St. Louis Transit Alliance

3:25-3:40 Afternoon Coffee Break

Afternoon coffee break sponsored by [Transportation for America](#)

3:40-4:30 Implementing the Federal Surface Transportation Act, MAP-21

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century” authorizing federal surface transportation programs for the next two years. Join representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, TDOT, Nashville Area MPO, and area transit agencies in a moderated discussion about how Tennessee intends to carry-out new federal programs.

DAY 2: October 26, 2012

8:30-9:00 Reception & Continental Breakfast

Breakfast sponsored by the [Lose & Associates, Inc.](#)

9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks: Moving Tennessee Forward

A preview of day two, and an overview of “Moving Tennessee Forward,” a publication by the Nashville Civic Design Center and the Nashville Area MPO dedicated to promoting good urban design as part of the region’s vision for expanded transit options.

The Honorable Ken Moore, Middle Tennessee Mayors Caucus
Gary Gaston, Nashville Civic Design Center

9:15-10:05 Transformative Bus Rapid Transit

The Nashville MTA is in the midst of project development for the East-West Connector – the region’s first dedicated-lane, fixed guideway bus rapid transit line that will connect East Nashville with the West End. This session will provide an update on the Connector project, and offer a close look at BRT along Cleveland’s Euclid Corridor, which has served as an early model for Nashville.

Jim McAteer, Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority
Joseph Calabrese, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

10:05-11:45 Developing Real Estate around Transit

The secret is out! Mass transit is no longer just about moving people; it's a proven winner for spurring economic development. This session features land developers from Atlanta, Cleveland, and Minneapolis to discuss how their real-estate investments have benefited from modern transit infrastructure, and the importance of being proactive in ensuring the inclusion of affordable housing options.

Moderator: Jimmy Granbery, HG Hill Realty, Urban Land Institute Nashville
Brian Leary, Galileo Development (Atlanta)
Kate S. Little, BeltLine Affordable Housing Advisory Board (Atlanta)
Richard Pace, Cumberland Development LLC (Cleveland)
Russell Lamb, Allegro Realty Advisors Ltd (Cleveland)
Michael Lander, Lander Group (Minneapolis)

11:45-1:45 Incorporating Transit into Local Policy, Comprehensive Plans, and Ordinances

Lunch sponsored by [Cambridge Systematics, Inc.](#)

Successful transit implementation requires that local communities provide a regulatory framework that enables opportunities for transit-supportive development. This session will offer a look at how other communities have aligned local planning, zoning, and development review with their vision for transit.

Moderator: Tim Roach, Greater Nashville Regional Council

Arthur Wendel, MD, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Robin Hutcheson, Salt Lake City Community & Economic Development
Jennifer Hillhouse, City and County of Denver Public Works
Sean Vroom, New Jersey Institute of Technology
Bridget Jones, PhD, Cumberland Region Tomorrow

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